



# Citizens Clean Elections Commission Bulletin

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## Message from the Chair



In last quarter's *Bulletin* I asked for your comments regarding the Commission's proposed rule changes. Once again I am asking for you to take a look at the proposed rule changes and to give the Commission your feedback. The 60-day comment period expires April 20, 2007 so there is still time to give us your views and ideas. Simply go to the Commission's website, [www.azcleanelections.gov](http://www.azcleanelections.gov), and under "News/Announcements" click on the link to the proposed rule changes. I would like to thank those who have already submitted their comments. Your views and insights are invaluable and I applaud you for taking the time to get involved. If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission staff at 602-364-3477 or toll free at 1-877-631-8891.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Representative Michele Reagan for all of her hard work and determination in seeing HB 2690, the Clean Elections bill, pass out of the House 57-0 as well as Senate Judiciary 7-0. She has shown tremendous leadership on this bill and the Commission is truly thankful for all she has done.

Should you have any questions regarding the rules or if the Commission may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Gary Scaramazzo  
Chairman

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## News and Notes

### **HB 2690 Passes out of the House, now in the Senate**

House Bill 2690, the “Clean Elections” bill, passed out of the House 57-0 on March 5th. It has since gone to the Senate Judiciary Committee where it was passed by a vote of 7-0. The bill, sponsored by Representative Michele Reagan, helps to eliminate some of the concerns that have been raised in the past by both traditional and participating candidates. Among other things, the bill increases the amount of money that participating statewide candidates receive from the Fund (30% increase for the Governor’s race and 60% for the other statewide races). It exempts traditional candidates from filing a “trigger” report if there are no participating candidates in the race. The bill also reduces the amount of equalizing funds given to participating candidates by 5% to account for a traditional candidate’s fundraising costs.

The bill must still go to the Senate floor for a vote by all 30 members, but it is extremely encouraging to see it continuing to move forward.

### **New Rules Proposed**

On February 15<sup>th</sup> the Citizens Clean Elections Commission began the process of making changes to existing rules that govern a candidate’s campaign. While some of the changes are nothing more than clean up to ensure consistency, others are substantial. That is why the Commission is asking for your help. Over the next 60 days the Commission will be accepting public comments on the proposed rule changes. Please take the time to review the proposed changes and let the Commission know your thoughts. The changes can be viewed on the Commission’s website at [www.azcleanelections.gov](http://www.azcleanelections.gov) or call us at either 602-364-3477 or toll free 1-877-631-8891 and a copy will be mailed to you.

You may email your feedback to Michael Becker, Voter Education Manager, at [michael.becker@azcleanelections.gov](mailto:michael.becker@azcleanelections.gov) or mail it to CCEC 1616 W Adams, Suite 110 Phoenix, AZ 85044. Your comments are greatly appreciated.



Please visit the Citizens Clean Elections Commission website at [www.azcleanelections.gov](http://www.azcleanelections.gov) to view the latest Commission news. You may also access publications such as the Act, Rules & Policies Manual.

While you are visiting the Commission website, please take a moment to sign up to receive e-mail newsletters at [www.azcleanelections.gov/linkto.asp?linkId=47](http://www.azcleanelections.gov/linkto.asp?linkId=47).

If you have questions, feel free to contact Voter Education Manager, Mike Becker, at (602) 364-3477, ext 210.

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## 2007 Second Quarter Commission Meeting Schedule

### Citizens Clean Elections Commission

#### Commissioners

Gary Scaramazzo, Chair  
Marcia Busching  
Carl Kunasek  
Royann Parker  
Jeffrey Fairman

Commission meetings are held in the Citizens Clean Elections Commission conference room at 1616 W. Adams in Phoenix.

Please contact the Commission or check the Commission website, [www.azcleelections.gov](http://www.azcleelections.gov) to confirm meeting dates and times.

The Commission meeting minutes and agendas are available free of charge on the Commission website. Additionally, past minutes and agendas are posted on the website.

### Upcoming Meetings

April 26  
Thursday, 9:30am  
May 17  
Thursday, 9:30am  
June 21  
Thursday, 9:30am

Please refer to [www.azcleelections.gov](http://www.azcleelections.gov)  
for agendas & additional documents